

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 18, 2007, the Advisory Action dated March 22, 2007 (First Advisory Action), and the Advisory Action dated April 25, 2007 (Second Advisory Action). Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 to 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 31, 32 and 41 to 50 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 5, 15, 19, 31 and 41 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 11, 15 to 19, 21 to 25 and 29, as indicated in the Office Action. In addition, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during a series of interviews concluding on February 22, 2007 regarding the outstanding rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101, and the interview of April 30, 2007 regarding the Second Advisory Action. Applicant submits that the substance of those interviews are incorporated in this amendment.

Claims 1, 5, 15, 19 and 29 have been amended along the lines suggested by the Examiner during the interviews. Specifically, Claims 1, 15 and 29 have been amended to clarify that the output image is displayed on a display screen of a display device. Claims 5, 19 and new Claim 41 include the feature that the output image is rendered as print information to a printing apparatus that prints the output image using the print information. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are now directed to a useful, concrete and tangible result, namely displaying or printing a rendered output image.

In the First Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 29, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47 to 49 and 52 would be allowable if submitted in a separate amendment. Applicants note that while the Examiner did not indicate that Claim 42 would be allowable, Claim 42 substantially corresponds to Claim 2. Therefore, Applicants believe that Claim 42 would be allowable if submitted in a separate amendment.

Applicants submit that Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 29, 41, 42, 43 and 44 are the same Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 29, 41, 42, 43 and 44 that the Examiner indicated would be allowable in the First Advisory Action. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 29, 41, 42, 43 and 44 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

Claims 9, 10, 23 and 24 have been canceled in accordance with the Examiner's indication in the First Advisory Action that Claims 9, 10, 23, and 24 are non-allowable. In addition, Claims 45, 46, 50 and 51 added in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed March 9, 2007, which was not entered, have **not** been added, in accordance with the Examiner's indication in the First Advisory Action that Claims 45, 46, 50 and 51 are non-allowable. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 45 to 48 of the present amendment correspond to Claims 47, 48, 49 and 52 of the March 9, 2007 amendment, respectively, that the Examiner indicated would be allowable if submitted in a separate amendment, as indicated in the First Advisory Action. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 45 to 48 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

The other pending claims in this application are dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.